

NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE

OF NEW JERSEY

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -

September 19th, 1918. (Thurs.)

A called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Negro Welfare League of New Jersey was held on the above date at 13 Central Avenue. Those present were: Mr. Dusenberry, C.M. Brown, Mr. Vandervall, Mr. Stewart, Mrs. E. Gregory, Mrs. Jenkinson, Dr. Vail, Mr. Powell, Mr. A. W. MacDougall, Miss Helen B. Pendleton, Mr. Gannwart (late) Mr. Ashby, Dr. Alexander and the Chairman Dr. Lusk who presided.

This meeting was called to consider further the question whether or not to buy the property at 212 Bank Street as no final decision had been made at the last meeting and the Committee felt that all of the members of the Committee should give their advice and express their opinions. The Chairman asked each person present to give their opinions for or against the property and bring it to a vote if possible.

Mr. MacDougall suggested that it is very nearly October first and if we wished to get into a house before fall, we should do something. He does not wish anything unwise done, but thought the matter should not be put off any longer. Several of the Committee thought it would be wise to postpone it. Mr. Vandervall suggested that the Committee visit the property at 147 Bank Street, which could be bought for a reasonable sum and was, he considered, a good place for the League's headquarters. Here Mr. C.M. Brown suggested that the decision be put off until the Committee had seen this property.

Dr. Alexander and several other members disapproved of the location. Dr. Lusk who had objected to the 212 Bank St. property at the last meeting said he would cheerfully follow with the Committee's decision if the majority approved. Mr. Vandervall and Mr. Brown withdrew their suggestion about the other property at this point. It was therefore moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Dusenberry, who had been obliged to leave the meeting, be authorized to purchase the property at 212 Bank Street immediately for \$14,000. or as much less as possible.

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Mrs. Jenkinson then moved and it was ~~past~~ that the

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Committee appointed to work out plans for co-operation ~~of~~ with the Phyllis Wheatley Association and the League get into operation at once and report to a called meeting. Dr. Lusk said that he thought something should be done in the way of changing certain petitions in the house so that it would be more suitable and possibly have more light and air. Mrs. Gregory then moved, which was duly passed, that Dr. Lusk be appointed chairman to do what seemed wise.

Secretary.